

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) A method for fast clock timing ~~recovery from transmitted data recovery of transmitted data~~ between a master XDSL modem and a slave XDSL modem wherein said data is submitted over an XDSL transmission medium comprising the steps of:

- (a) ~~Providing providing~~ the master ~~modem~~ XDSL modem, synchronized by its own timing clock, for data transmission,
- (b) ~~Providing providing~~ the slave ~~modem~~ XDSL modem, synchronized by its own timing clock, for data reception,
- (c) ~~Providing providing~~ the transmission the XDSL transmission medium connecting the master XDSL and the slave ~~modems~~ XDSL modems,
- (d) ~~Encoding encoding~~ and transmitting the data at the ~~master-modem~~ master XDSL modem as a sequence said sequence of symbols using pre-determined QAM states, said sequence having a frequency,
- (e) ~~Receiving receiving~~ the data at the ~~slave-modem~~ slave XDSL modem as a sequence said sequence of symbols,
- (f) ~~Sampling sampling~~ the received data at a symbol rate and converting the sampled data into digital form,

(g) ~~Splitting~~ splitting the digitally converted data into in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) channels,

(h) ~~Low-pass~~ low-pass filtering of the data the digitally converted data corresponding to the in-phase and quadrature channels,

(i1) ~~Re-sampling~~ re-sampling the filtered data at a re-sampling rate which is at least twice the symbol rate,

(i2) ~~Modulating~~ modulating each re-sampled each of said re-sampled data with the two discrete-time sequences:

$$\cos(0.5\pi n) = \dots, 1, 0, -1, 0, \dots$$

$$\sin(0.5\pi n) = \dots, 0, 1, 0, -1, \dots$$

(i3) ~~Computing~~ computing a normalized spectral line vector corresponding to the re-sampled modulated data,

(i4) ~~Tuning~~ tuning the symbol rate in dependence of the imaginary part of the normalized line normalized spectral line vector for tracking the frequency of the incoming symbols the sequence of symbols.

16. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein the step h) of low-pass filtering comprises filtering each channel with digital low-pass filters, said filters being matched to transmitting filters at the master ~~modem~~ XDSL modem; and the steps i1) to i4) comprise turning the clock timing recovery into a blind mode, by the steps of:

(a) ~~Re-sampling~~ re-sampling the filtered I and Q data at twice the symbol rate;

(b) Extracting extracting lower and upper band edge components by modulating each of the sampled sequence of I and Q data of step (1) above with the said two discrete time sequences;

(c) Filtering filtering the four resulting products with four first order low-pass filters and re-sampling the results at the symbol rate;

(d) Computing computing real imaginary parts of the corresponding spectral line vector using the products of step (3) (c) above;

(e) Filtering filtering both the real and the imaginary parts of step (4) (d) above, using another first order low-pass filter;

(f) Normalizing normalizing the magnitude of ~~the spectral a spectral~~ line vector to unity using a suitable automatic gain control circuitry;

(g) Extracting extracting the phase of the spectral line vector from the normalized imaginary part of step (6) (f) above;

(h) Feeding feeding the imaginary part of step (7) (g) above as a phase-error signal to a controller of a phase-locked loop (PLL), said controller outputting a digital control signal, said PLL utilizing a frequency controlled clock tracking oscillator, the frequency of which is tuned to track the frequency of the received sequence of symbols (~~the master modem clock frequency~~ or a clock frequency of the master XDSL modem;

(i) Converting converting the digital control signal to an analog control voltage ~~supplied to the supplied to the frequency controlled~~ clock tracking oscillator of step (8) (h) above, using a Digital to Analog Converter (DAC); and

(j) Using using a secondary accumulator an accumulator to correct ~~the control word~~ the digital control signal supplied to the DAC of step (9) (i) above.

17. (currently amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein the method further comprises the steps:

- (a) ~~Feeding~~ feeding the filtered I and Q data to a complex linear equalizer for coarse phase and amplitude error correction;
- (b) ~~Computing~~ computing symbol state data decisions and outputting ~~said decisions~~ said symbol state data decisions using a ~~slicer-circuitry~~;
- (c) ~~Fine~~ fine equalization of channel distortions by feeding the I and Q outputs of the slicer to a decision feedback equalizer, ~~the outputs~~ the I and Q outputs of which are extracted from the ~~slicer~~ I and Q inputs, ~~respectively~~;
- (d) ~~Computing~~ computing an extracted ~~symbols~~ symbol error rate at the slicer outputs; and
- (e) ~~After~~ after an error probability decreases to a given BER, switching ~~from blind mode~~ timing recovery ~~from a blind timing recovery mode~~ to a data directed timing recovery mode.

18. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein ~~the transmission~~ the XDSL transmission medium is a pair of copper wires.

19. (currently amended) The method according to claim 15 wherein ~~the pair of copper wires~~ is a telephone line ~~the copper wires are telephone lines~~.

20. (currently amended) The method according to ~~claims~~ claim 16 wherein ~~the tracking~~ the frequency controlled clock tracking oscillator utilized by the phase-locked loop PLL is a Voltage-Controlled Crystal Oscillator (VCXO).

21. (currently amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein the blind timing ~~recovery is recovery mode~~ is achieved using a reduced constellation.

22. (previously presented) The method according to claim 21 wherein the reduced constellation comprises only equal amplitude symbols.

23. (currently amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein the blind timing ~~recovery is recovery mode~~ is achieved ~~using full~~ using a full constellation.

24. (currently amended) The method according to claim 16 wherein the digital control signal of the PLL tracking oscillator is provided accurately in double precision and converted using an up to 8 bit ~~Digital to Analog Converter (DAC) means~~ DAC means, the method further comprising the steps of:

- (a) ~~Rounding~~ rounding the double a double precision control signal;
- (b) ~~Generating~~ generating an error signal between ~~the double a double~~ precision value and ~~the rounded~~ a rounded value;
- (c) ~~Accumulating~~ accumulating the error signal in ~~a secondary~~ an accumulator;
- (d) ~~Adding~~ adding the error signal to the output signal of the ~~secondary~~ secondary accumulator;
- (e) ~~Comparing~~ comparing the result of step d) above with half the value of the DAC's LSB;
- (f) ~~Compensating~~ compensating the rounded value ~~according the~~ according to the result of step e) above by the steps of:

(g) Adding adding the value of the DAC's LSB to the accumulator output, if the output value the result of step d) is larger than half the value of the DAC's LSB; or

(h) Subtracting subtracting the value of the DAC's LSB from the accumulator output, if the output value the result of step d) is smaller than half the value of the DAC's LSB.

25. (currently amended) An XDSL modem An XDSL master modem for fast clock timing recovery from a received data signal, said data signal transmitted by a master signal is transmitted by the master XDSL modem and transferred over an XDSL-transmission medium, comprising:

(a) An an input for receiving the transmitted data signal comprising a sequence of symbols, said sequence having a frequency;

(b) A first Analog an analog to Digital Converter connected to the input for sampling and digitizing the received signal received data signal at a symbol rate;

(c) Two two first multipliers connected to the first Analog the Analog to Digital Converter for splitting the sampled data sampled and digitized data signal into in-phase (I) and quadrature (Q) channels, said first one of said two first multipliers being phase-shifted by 90°;

(d) Two two first digital low-pass filters for filtering each channel, said filters being connected to the first to the two first multipliers and being matched to transmitting filters at the master the XDSL master modem;

(e) A a clock timing recovery circuit operating in blind mode, comprising:

(1) Means means for sampling the filtered I and Q channels at twice the symbol rate;

(2) ~~Four~~ four second multipliers connected to ~~the~~ means for sampling ~~the~~ sampling means for modulating each of the sampled sequence of I and Q channels with two discrete time sequences:

$$\cos (0.5 \pi n) = \dots, 1, 0, -1, 0, \dots$$

$$\sin (0.5 \pi n) = \dots, 0, 1, 0, -1, \dots$$

for extracting lower and upper band edge components;

(3) ~~Four~~ four second first order low-pass filters connected to ~~the~~ second ~~the~~ four ~~second~~ multipliers for filtering the four resulting products of the four second multipliers and for resampling the results at the symbol rate;

(4) ~~A~~ a spectral line computer connected to the four second first order low-pass filters for computing real and imaginary parts of a spectral line vector;

(5) ~~At~~ at least one third first order low-pass filter connected to the spectral line computer for filtering both the real and the imaginary parts of the spectral line vector;

(6) ~~A~~ a spectral line normalizer connected to ~~the~~ third ~~the~~ at least one third first order low-pass ~~filters~~ filter for normalizing the magnitude of the spectral line vector to unity using a suitable automatic gain control circuitry;

(7) ~~A~~ a Controller connected to the spectral line normalizer, the controller being part of a phase-locked loop (PLL) and said controller outputting a digital control signal, said PLL utilizing a frequency controlled clock tracking oscillator, the frequency of which is tuned to track the frequency of the received sequence of symbols (~~the master modem clock frequency~~) or a clock frequency of the XDSL master modem;

(8) ~~A second Digital~~ a Digital to Analog Converter (DAC) connected to the controller for converting the digital control signal to an analog control voltage supplied to ~~the tracking~~ the frequency controlled clock tracking oscillator of the PLL:

- (f) ~~A~~ a complex linear equalizer connected to the two first multipliers for coarse phase and amplitude error correction;
- (g) ~~A~~ a slicer circuitry connected to the complex linear equalizer for computing and outputting I and Q symbol state ~~date~~ data decisions;
- (h) ~~A~~ a decision feedback equalizer connected to the outputs of the slicer circuitry and connected via an adder to the slicer circuitry input for fine equalizing channel distortions;
- (i) ~~Circuitry~~ circuitry connected to the outputs of the slicer circuitry for computing an extracted ~~symbols~~ symbol error rate; and
- (j) ~~Circuitry~~ circuitry for switching from ~~blind~~ a blind timing recovery mode to ~~data~~ a data directed timing recovery mode, once ~~the error~~ the extracted symbol error rate is reduced to less than a given BER.

26. (currently amended) ~~The modem~~ The XDSL master modem according to claim 25 wherein ~~the modem~~ wherein the XDSL master modem further comprises:

- (9) ~~A~~ a circuitry for accumulation to correct the digital control signal supplied to ~~the second DAC~~ the DAC, said digital control signal having double precision accuracy, comprising:
 - (a) ~~Circuitry~~ circuitry for rounding ~~the double~~ a double precision digital control signal;

(b) Circuitry circuitry for generation of an error signal between the double precision value and ~~the rounded~~ a rounded value;

(c) Circuitry circuitry for accumulation of the error signal in ~~a secondary~~ an accumulator;

(d) A ~~a~~ first adder for adding the error signal to the output ~~signal of the secondary~~ signal of the accumulator;

(e) A ~~a~~ comparator for comparing the output of the adder with half the value of the ~~second~~ DAC's DAC's LSB;

(f) A ~~a~~ second adder for compensating the rounded value according to the result of the comparator by

(i1)(g) Adding ~~adding~~ the value of the ~~second~~ DAC's DAC's LSB to the accumulator output, if ~~the output value~~ the result of the comparator is larger than half the value of the ~~second~~ DAC's DAC's LSB and DAC's LSB, or,

(i2)(h) Subtracting ~~subtracting~~ the value of the ~~second~~ DAC's DAC's LSB from the accumulator output, if ~~the output value~~ the result of the comparator is smaller than half the value of the ~~second~~ DAC's LSB DAC's LSB.